

JAN 14 2020

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

David J. Bradley, Clerk

Southern District of Texas

United States of America

v.

ARMANDO AREBALO  
USC  
YOB: 1988

) Case No. M-20-0086-M

Defendant(s)

SEALED

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of December 6, 2018 in the county of Hidalgo in the  
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section	Offense Description
21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)	Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment "A"

Continued on the attached sheet.

Approved:

Robert W. Axt  
1/14/2020

Complainant's signature

Kyle O'Neal, Special Agent - FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date:

January 14, 2020  
3:56 pm

Peter E. Ormsby  
Judge's signature

City and state:

McAllen, Texas

Peter E. Ormsby, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

**Attachment "A"**

**Affidavit in Support of Complaint**

I, Kyle O'Neal, being first duly sworn, state as follows:

1. On December 6, 2018, a Confidential Informant (CI) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) conducted a controlled purchase of approximately 867 grams of methamphetamine from ARMANDO **AREBALO** (hereinafter "AREBALO") in McAllen, Texas. **AREBALO** arrived at 721 N McColl Rd in a Kia sedan with another male passenger. **AREBALO** exited the vehicle carrying a black box and entered the vehicle of the FBI CI. The FBI CI paid **AREBALO** \$5,000 in exchange for the methamphetamine after which **AREBALO** returned to his vehicle and departed the location.

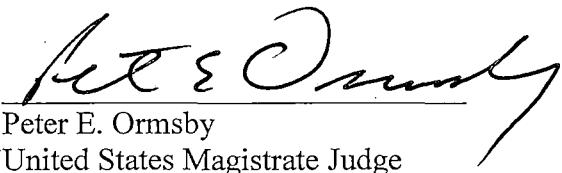
2. The methamphetamine was recovered and transported to the McAllen FBI office where it was weighed in the original packaging and entered into evidence. The methamphetamine was sent to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) South Central Laboratory in Dallas, Texas. The laboratory confirmed the presence of methamphetamine with a purity of 93%.

3. **AREBALO** is a known "Loco 13" gang member who had been released on bond for state capital murder charges at the time of the narcotics sale. **AREBALO** stated to the CI that if he did not get enough money to pay for his lawyer, then he would flee in order to avoid his pending charge.

4. Based on the aforementioned factual information, your Affiant respectfully submits that **AREBALO** did commit a violation of Title 21, United States Code Section 841(a)(1).

  
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Kyle O'Neal  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

  
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Peter E. Ormsby  
United States Magistrate Judge